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ACC Software News
ACC Server Upgraded, Increases Speed

The server for ACC was recently updated to increase reliability and performance. The new hardware is now a dual quad CPU configuration with 8GB of RAM and 300GB of disk space, effectively doubling the power of the old server while adding additional room for growth over the life of the new server. The processing power has more than quadrupled over the legacy system due to the speed of the new processors, RAM, and hard drive. The new server went into place so smoothly that the ACC was down for less than 20 minutes during the transition.

AKMS Webparts Available on iGoogle

The new **Defense Acquisition Portal** has a feature that allows you to add an Acquisition Services and Systems gadget to your iGoogle page. To do so, go to the new DAP page and click on the iGoogle logo at the top right of the Acquisition Services and Systems box. Select the "Add to Google" option, and then you will be prompted to login to your iGoogle account, after which the gadget will be displayed there. This provides you with a quick way to get to the major tabs on the Defense Acquisition Portal, to key DAU content, to the Communities and Special Interest Areas on the ACC, and to all of the other Defense Acquisition Portal AKMS Quick Links.

BCEFM Now Business Career Track

On 22 Dec 2008, the USD(AT&L) **approved the restructure** of the Business, Cost Estimating and Financial Management Career Field to the Business Career Field. This restructure is effective 1 Oct 2009, for position coding and career path certification purposes. The restructuring changes the career field name to Business and establishes two distinct career paths, one for Business - Financial Management (BUS-FM), and one for Business - Cost Estimating (BUS-CE). These new career paths will include increased training and experience certification standards.

Ammo CoP Wins Army KM Award

The Army Knowledge Management Awards (AKMA) Program recognizes outstanding individuals, group or organizational efforts that have implemented some or all of the 12 AKM Principles in support of mission goals and objectives. The AKMA program provides Army-level recognition for initiatives that provide knowledge-based capabilities and solutions. One winner is chosen in each of the 3 Army Knowledge Management Dimensions: People/Culture, Process, Technology. The **Ammunition Forum CoP** was submitted and won under the "Process" dimension. Awards will be presented at the LandWarNet conference in August.

New Navy DACM Named

Ms. René Thomas-Rizzo has been named the Director of the Department of the Navy's Acquisition Career Management (DACM) Office. Ms. Thomas-Rizzo holds an MBA and is currently serving as PEO(IWS) Chief-of-Staff for Admiral Benedict. She has had broad experience in acquisition—ships program management, combat systems management and open architecture, manpower and personnel, life cycle support management, T&E (AEGIS and Undersea Weapons)—as well as a Fleet tour.

DoD Releases RAM-C Report Manual

The Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Staff collaborated on the **Reliability, Availability, Maintainability–Cost (RAM-C) Report Manual** to assist combat developers, project managers, and engineers to design RAM into systems early in a program. The manual supports life cycle implementation of the Sustainment metric, for which the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) issued new guidance in May 2007. The Sustainment metric consists of an Availability Key Performance Parameter (KPP) and two supporting Key Systems Attributes (KSAs): Reliability and Ownership Cost. The CJCS guidance requires programs under development to create a balance between RAM performance in the field and the related costs of providing that performance—a distinct paradigm shift within the acquisition community that, once fully implemented, should result in improved value for major acquisition programs.

Upcoming Events

- **UID Forum**: **Implementation Strategies for Programs & Suppliers**, Orlando, FL, 9-10 Sep 2009
- **Defense Acquisition Summit 2009**: Hilton McLean, Tysons Corner, VA, 14-16 Sep 2009
- **2009 National Logistics Officer Association Conference**: **Connecting With the Joint Logistics Environment**, Las Vegas, NV, 12-15 Oct 2009

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